CZAR ANNOUNCES WAR PLANS.

WRITES TO GEN. GRIPENBERG, WHO WILL LEAD SECOND ARMY.

Kuropatkin to Retain, Command of the First-Call on the Troops to Show Valor and Power of Endurance in

This Struggle With the Japanese. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—The creation of a second Manchurian army is officially announced. It will be under the command of Gen. Gripenberg, at present in command of the troops in the Vilna district. In an autograph letter to Gen. Gripenberg from the Czar announcing his appointment, his Majesty savs:

"The intense energy with which Japan is conducting the war, and the stubbornness and high warlike qualities displayed by the Japanese, impel me to make considerable additions to the strength of my forces at the front in order to attain decisive success within the shortest possible time.

Since in the accomplishment of this the number of military units will reach such a figure that their continuance as one army would not be admissible without prejudice to their proper direction and the nanœuvring and mobility of the troops. I have found it necessary to divide the troops destined for active service in Manchuria into two armies. While leaving the command of one of these in the hands of Gen. Kuropatkin, I appoint you to the command of the second

"Your many years of service, your warlike exploits and your wide experience in the warlike training of troops give me full assurance that you, following the general directions of the Commander-in-Chief will successfully lead to the attainment of the object of this war the army which is intrusted to you, and which will show its own valor and power of endurance in the fight against the foe for the honor and dignity of the fatherland. God bless you for your great and glorious services to me and Russia.

"Ever your affectionate "NICHOLAS." Gen. Gripenberg is 66 years old. He dis-

tinguished himself in the Polish insurrection of 1863 and in the Turkestan campaign in 1867-68. He commanded the Moscow Guards in the Russo-Turkish war.

JAPS ATTACK DESPERATELY. Fighting at Port Arthur Has Been Continuous for a Week.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN CHEFOO, Sept. 25 .- According to news from Chinese sources the attack on Port Arthur which began last Monday and is still going on has resulted thus far in the besiegers capturing several important positions, enabling them to threaten the Russian ssion of the large forts guarding the north, northeast and northwest sections of the fortress. It is stated that three important forts and six smaller ones have been taken by the Japanese, the smalle ones being between Shuashiyen and Eh-

The bombardment began before dawn on Sept. 19, tremendous salvos of artillery suddenly breaking the comparative inactivity. For fifty hours the roar of huge guns was incessant, many firing from quarters previously unoccupied, showing that the Japanese have mounted many new guns. At noon on Sept. 30 the Japanese infantry of the right and centre advanced, using the picket trenches and availing themselves of every possible cover which, however, was slight. The small forts south of Shuishiyen were meagrely garrisoned, and they made only a brief

The next objective was Kuropatkin Fort, south of Palichwang. This fort was named for Gen. Kuropatkin, it having been erected by his advice. When he inspected the fortress he pointed out the weakness of the position and directed that it be strengthened as quickly as possible because it protects the water supply. Although it is in the main chain of forts it was never as strong as the others, and it was captured after severe fighting, giving the Japanese a fresh base from which to operate against Ehrlangshan, which was thus more seriously threatened than ever.

Later, on Sept. 20, the Japanese capttired a supplementary fort on lower ground. which threatened Etsehan. In the course of the day's fighting the Japanese had to resist several sorties. Night brought them no rest. The Japanese artillery continued a severe cannonade, especially against another supplementary fort 3,000 metres west of Etsehan. This position was shelled unmercifully until its fire visibly slackened, when the Japanese assaulted it.

They met with stubborn resistance. The Japanese, who were exposed to the fire of machine guns and rifles, made frantic efforts to reach the crest, leaping over the trenches and embankment and tearing away the entanglements until they at last entered. Even then the Russians refused to desert the fort despite the superior numbers pitted against them. Desperate handto-hand fighting occurred inside the fort. Nearly all the garrison were eventually

killed or wounded. LONDON, Sept. 26.-Neither Russia nor Japan issues any information regarding the renewed and severe fighting at Port Arthur, all the news of which comes from Chefoo. It was asserted some time ago that the Japanese had captured the water supply of the fortress.

The Russians, it was said, had been reduced to distilling sea water, and the shortage of coal and the necessity for husbanding the supply of fuel for the warships threatened to prevent even a supply from this source. None of the stories that the garrison is without water can be verified.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Telegraph says that reports from official sources state that a fierce bombardment of Port Arthur is being continued night and day. The Russians have mounted new guns on the rocky precipices of Liaotishan, and are answering shell for shell. The Japanese assert that the enemy is either well supplied with ammunition or is using

Officers of the British steamer Victoria, from Newchwang for Kobe, which arrived at Chefoo on Saturday, say that the coast line seemed to be ablaze with the flashes of guns. When they were ten miles from Liaotishan the vessel was stopped by three Japanese torpedo boats and was boarded and examined. Later she was intercepted by a cruiser, but was allowed to proceed. The officers were told that a great artillery engagement was raging.

The bombardment was succeeded by an

HEARS THE FLEET IS OUT. London Has Rumors of Sea Fight Off Port Arthur.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 26 .- It is rumored that the Port Arthur squadron has made a sortie and that a big fight is progressing. No

confirmation can be had of the rumor. HOPE FOR LADY CURZON.

Strength Fairly Maintained-Special Train Takes Cylinders of Oxygen to Her.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. DOVER, Sept. 25 .- The bulletin issued at Walmer Castle this evening states that the condition of Lady Curzon remains much the same, but her strength was fairly maintained throughout the day. Inquiries made late to-night elicited the information that the patient was as comfortable as was to

The physicians said that if Lady Curzon's strength keeps up for two days there will be hope of her recovery. The peritonitis has been considerably localized, and antistreptococcus serum injected hypodermically as an antidote to blood poisoning.

Cylinders of oxygen and other special appliances were telegraphed for from London to-day and they arrived by a special train this afternoon. Ordinary traffic on the line was held up to enable the train carrying the appliances to make fast time. The king, at his own request, receives

constant reports of the patient's progress,

and he also frequently sends messages to

Walmer Castle. It is stated that a month ago Lady Curzon was sitting in the garden of the castle with a pug dog in her lap when a retriever belonging to a visitor bounded into the garden and jumped at her, trying to get at the pug. Lady Curzon was unable to rid herself of the intruder, which was roughly persistent. She became alarmed and screamed for help for several moments before she was heard and the retriever driven off. The nervous shock had a most unfortunate effect owing to the state of her health.

EX-SPEAKER HENDERSON WELL. Says His Wife, Contradicting a Despatch

From Des Moines. Mrs. David B. Henderson, wife of ex-Speaker Henderson, has been living all the winter with Gen. Henderson and their daughter at 436 East Fifty-eighth street A short time ago Gen. Henderson left for their home in Dubuque, and yesterday it was announced from Des Moines that the ex-Speaker was a mental and physical wreck. Mrs. Henderson said last night:

"I am at a loss to understand how such a despatch came to be sent from Des Moines or any other place concerning my husband. We, my daughter and myself, heard from him only yesterday, and we are to join him in Dubuque this week, leaving here on Friday next. There isn't a particle of truth in the despatch. My husband is in perfect health, and he is just as strong physically and mentally as he was ter years ago. He is anticipating our return uque. I wish THE SUN would in toto the story of the General's ill health body or mental. There is not one word of truth in the statement that the General has broken down."

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 25.-Investigation of the story sent out from this place concerning the alleged mental collapse of ex-Speaker David B. Henderson shows that a wrong has been done the ex-Speaker. His mind is not failing and his health is materially worse than when he

He is suffering considerably from the wound which was received during the civi war and it necessitates the taking of much strong medicine, but he is seen about the streets of Dubuque almost daily, has no difficulty in recognizing his friends and is only deterred from participating in the campaign by reason of his bodily infirmi-

POLICE SERGEANTS SHOCKED. Pelephone Wires Got Crossed With Electric Light Circuit.

Brooklyn police headquarters central became crossed with electric light wires shortly before midnight last night and telephonic communication with a number of ecincts was cut off. Sergeants Zeidler, Edwards and Campbell were on duty at the switchboard when the accident happened. and they had an experience that they are not likely to forget for some time

Zeidler was knocked out of his chair and stunned. Edwards and Campbell hopped from their chairs in time and only received a slight shock. The first warning the three men had was when a sharp report was heard from the rear of the long switchboard. Quickly following this a sheet of

blue flame shot out in front of them. At the time Sergt. Zeidler was sending out a general alarm to the Brooklyn Bridge Brownsville, Canarsie, Flatbush, Sheeps head Bay, Coney Island, Bath Beach, Parkville, Clymer street and Bedford avenue stations, and had connected the West Brighton and Stapleton stations, in Staten Island. The cross circuit resulted in all of these wires being put out of busi-

On the station end of each of these wires at the time was a sergeant with pencil in hand taking down the alarm. All of the precinct men felt the shock. It was necessary for the stations to resort to the ordinary telephone service in order to keep in touch with headquarters. In some cases there were telephones other than the police wires in the stations, but the greater number were not so fortunate. Several of the precincts had to awaken sleeping storekeepers nearby and station a policeman at the wire for the night.

JEST BY "I AM A DEMOCRAT"

On the Alternating Current of Demo in the Board of Regents. David B. Hill, according to a Democrat at the Hoffman House yesterday, is

in danger of becoming a wit.
"I asked Mr. Hill at Saratoga," the Demo-"I asked Mr. Hill at Saratoga, the Demo-crat said, "what the Democratic platform meant by saying that 'the Republican Legislature in choosing a son-partisan board of eleven regents, who are to have general supervision of the educational system of the State, selected ten Republi-cans and one Democrat.' I called Mr.

cans and one beinderat. I can be more than the many strength of the fact that Eugene Philbin and St. Clair McKelway were Regents under the new law.

"Oh,' replied Hill, "let Philbin and McKelway toss up to see which is the Demo-

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TRAINS TO TRENTON PAIR.

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F. W. RHINELANDER, SR., DEAD.

PRESIDENT OF THE METROPOLI-TAN MUSEUM OF ART,

And One of Its Trustees From the First Organization-Secured for It Some of Its Most Precious Possessions-Died of Heart Disease at Stockbridge

Frederic William Rhinelander, Sr., president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art died a little after midnight Sunday morning in the Red Lion Inn at Stockbridge, Mass., of heart disease.

He went to Stockbridge on Monday last to spend the autumn there, in accordance with his custom for years. With him were his sisters-in-law, the Misses Skinner of this city. Until Saturday his health had been excellent. When he returned from Europe in September he told his friends that he had not felt better for years. At 8 o'clock Saturday night Mr. Rhinelander was attacked by severe pains in the heart. The house physician was summoned, but restoratives were unavailing.

Frederic W. Rhinelander, Jr., and Mrs Le Roy King, Mr. Phinelander's son and daughter, reached Stockbridge vesterday morning and brought the body to New York last night. The funeral will be tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in Calvary Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Rhinelander had been a vestryman for many vears. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Parks, the rector.

Mr. Rhinelander was born in New York in 1828. He was the son of Frederic William Rhinelander and the great-great-grandson of Philip Jacob Rhinelander, who settled at New Rochelle in 1696. He was graduated from Columbia College with the class

Mr. Rhinelander was most widely known from his active interest in the affairs of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He became a trustee of the institution at its organization in 1871 and for over thirty years gave a large measure of his time toward its development. Among his associates on the original board of trustees were Theodore Roosevelt (father of the President), William Cullen Bryant, Andrew H. Green, A. T. Stewart and John A. Dix. In 1892 he was made vice-president, to fill the place of the Rev. Dr. William C. Prime. He succeeded Henry G. Marquand as president when the latter died in 1902.

He came to the presidency at a time when the greatest improvements and extensions were being made. The bequest to the museum from Jacob H. Rogers, the locomotive builder, made available considerably over \$5,000,000, the annual income from which has been devoted to securing art treasures in Europe. Mr. Rhinelander had the direction of the expenditure of this income. His intimate knowledge of the necessities and the scheme of expansion of the museum as well as his familiarity with the great art museums of Europe have been instrumental in securing priceless objects for the museum.

For many years Mr. Rhinelander spent a part of each year in Europe, the principal object being the search for art treasures Very shortly after he became president he learned while in Rome of the biga, the Roman chariot that had been excavated near Rome. He found it dated undoubtedly from 700 R. C. and was without question the most remarkable thing of the kind extant. He recommended its purchase and it was secured by the museum for a

It was largely through the efforts of Mr. Rhinelander, soting with J. Pierpont Morgan and Rutherfurd Stuyvesant, that the De Dino collection of armor was secured It had been sent from Paris to Christies' in London to be sold, when Mr Rhinelander neard of it. Personally he investigated the authenticity of such historic pieces as the helmet of Jeanne D'Arc and the helmet of Henri II. of France. It was also through Mr. Rhinelander's constant watchfulness Europe for prizes for the museum that he famous Pompeiian room was secured. It had been removed whole from excava tions made between Pompeii and Vesuvins. Bode of Berlin secured the furniture and some art objects the room contained for the Berlin Museum. The Louvre purchased some of the contents, but Mr. Rhinelander got the walls of the room with their perfectly preserved frescoes. For this \$70,000 was aid from the income of the Rogers bequest. Among the paintings that the vigilance of

Mr. Rhinelander gained for the Metropolitan Museum of Art is the portrait of the Princess de Condé, by the French artist Largillière of the eighteenth century. For this and another painting by Largillière \$80,000 was

These things are but a few of his services to the museum. His whole life was practically devoted to it. When he was in the city a large part of his time was spent in the museum. George H. Story, curator of the de-

partment of paintings of the museum, said of Mr. Rhinelander last night: "He was a man of remarkable capabilities and judgment. He combined the fine sensibilities of an artist with the cold judgment of the business man. The result was singularly fortunate for the institution. It would be impossible to estimate his services. They covered more than thirty years, and there was not a year of the time that Mr. Rhinelander was not planning. studying, travelling or corresponding in the interests of his beloved museum. He gave his time to it to the exclusion of private affairs. It is in a manner of speaking a monument to the man. The officers and trustees of the museum had not only the highest respect for him and admiration for his abilities, they loved him for his warmheartedness and never failing sympathy. He had little to say at any time, but when he spoke on a subject his advice was invariably followed. I am shocked at Mr. Rhinelander's death, particularly since I saw him apparently brimming with health just a few days ago."

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Mr. Rhinelander married Frances D. Skinner in 1851. They had eight children, of whom the following survive: Frederic W. Rhinelander, Jr., Thomas N. Rhinelander, the Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, Mrs. William C. Rives, Jr., Mrs. William Morgan-Jones and Mrs. Le Roy King. The dead are Alice K. Rhinelander and Mrs. Lewis Cameron.

Mr. Rhinelander was a governor of the Mr. Rinnelander was a governor of the Knickerbocker Club, a member of the City and Southside Sportsmen's clubs, a mem-ber of the Downtown Association, the Men-delssohn Glee Club and the American Geographical Society, a director of the Blind Asylum and a member of the Munic-ipal Art Commission.

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The body will be interred at Newport. Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: Ss. Margarethe, Havans, Sept. 21.

Low Fare Excursions to St. Louis, via Lehigh Valley R. R. Through carss entrancing scenery. See agents, 355 and 1234 Broadway.

F. J. WELLS RUN DOWN BY AUTO.

Governor of N. Y. Athletic Club Severely Hurt-Companion Also Struck. Frederick J. Wells, a member of the

board of governors of the New York Athletic Club, was severely injured in Hackensack, N. J., yesterday afternoon when he was run down by a large automobile, in which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell of this city were driving. Mr. Wells was riding on a bicycle. With him were C. J. Kintner and J. M. McGinley, also members of the New York

Athletic Club. Both Wells and Kintner were struck by the automobile and their wheels demolished Mr. Wells was picked up unconscious and carried into the residence of Gabriel Mead. A physician who was summoned found that of Mr. Wells's ribs were fractured, and that he had two severe scalp wounds. Mr. Wells was otherwise bruised and shaken up. Kintner escaped with only a few pruises. The automobilists were not arrested. Mr. Wells insisted on being taken to his rooms at the New York Athletic Club Kintner and McGinley brought him to Weehawken by trolley and then by ferry to this city.

The three men went to Newburg by boat on Saturday night and started on their wheels early vesterday morning. They rode through Tuxedo and were headed for this city when the accident occurred.

Both Wells and Kintner are expert swimmers and water polo players. Mr. Bell has been unfortunate with his automobile. The machine was in a serious accident at Little Falls, N. J., a few weeks ago.

\$400,000 LOAN TO DEMOCRATS.

Gov. Durbin Hears of a Big Campaign Fund for Taggart's Use. INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 26.- Gov. Durbin

reached home from New York to-day and said that he had been informed credibly that the Democrats would have one of the largest campaign funds that had been raised for years. He said the fiscal agents of the Democratic national committee had just negotiated a loan of \$100,000 through one of the large trust companies of that city, and that it was the purpose of the committee to send a considerable part of the money to this and other assumed close or doubtful States.

"With Tom Taggart as chairman of the national committee, Joe Fanning as his secretary and Myron King as his treasurer," said the Governor, "I will miss my guess if a good sized slice of this loan does not find its way into Indiana. The chief aim of Legislature, and the money will doubtless e used in that way."

The Governor's statement was soon noised about the hotels and Democrats and Republicans alike were greatly interested in it. Republicans said that there are already evidences of the use of money in Indiana and that the Democrats are putting up an organization that shows that they are going to make a great effort to carry the State.

Democrats smiled at the Governor's statement and said they would be glad to have all the money that could be sent here by the national committee.

SENATOR HOAR SINKING. Refuses to Take Medicine or Food-End

Expected Soon. WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 25 .- "Senator Hoar has been weaker since Friday, passing most of the time in sleep. He is now refusing to take his medicine and nourishent. If this condition continu have a serious effect upon his little re-

maining strength. This was the bulletin issued to-night elative to the condition of Senator George F. Hoar. Dr. Warren R. Gilman, the attending physician, said to-night that if the Senator continues to refuse medicine and nourishment he cannot live more than two or three days.

For the first time since the distinguished patient became ill the members of his family have abandoned all hope. They realize that failure to take nourishment means the hastening of the end, which is now expected almost hourly

Rockwood Hoar, his son, and Miss Mary Hoar, his daughter, are with him constantly and every effort is being made to keep him quiet. His mind is not as clear as it has been in the past, and he shows no inclination to discuss his favorite subject, politics. His only desire seems to be to be left alone and allowed to sleep.

GEN. W. P. CHADWICK DROWNED. Well Known New Hampshire Man Loses His Life While Bathing.

BARNSTABLE, Mass., Sept. 25.-Gen. W. P. hadwick, managing trustee of Phillips Exeter Academy, was drowned while bathing here last night. Gen. Chadwick came here yesterday with several friends to visit over Sunday with Dr. Henry T. Barstow of Boston, who has a cottage at this place. Gen. Chadwick and Dr. Parstow decided to take a bath before dinner and started to swim across the harbor narrows. The water was rough owing to the high wind, and after going partly across the channel, Dr. Barstow turned back, shouting to his companion to do the same. Upon reaching the beach Dr. Barstow was unable to see

his friend and shouted for help. Boats were secured, but no trace of Gen. Chadwick could be found. To-day the search was renewed, practically the entire population aiding, without success, and it is feared the body was carried out

Gen. Chadwick was 40 years old and was one of the best known men in New Hampshire. He was a graduate of Harvard and served on the staff of Gov.

ALL DUE TO STEP-PARENTS.

tory Ascribed to Home Conditions.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 25 .- "It is a singular fact that a large majority of the children at the Morganza State Reformatory have step-parents, and I believe that their presence at Morganza is due to this fact," said Charles Houston, member of the Morganza board of managers to-day. "I believe that the presence of such a large number of children at Morganza is due to the efforts of step-parents to get rid of them. Many of these children have no business at Morganza and many of them would make obedient and respectable children if they vere treated humanely at home.

"In some respects it is better for them that they are taken from a stepfather or stepmother who treats them badly. At Morganza they are not treated as prisoners, as many persons imagine, but they have a chance to get a good education and learn a trade which will enable them to earn an honest living and make them useful

WRECK ON THE N. Y. CENTRAL.

THE WESTERN EXPRESS DE-RAILED BY A BROKEN RAIL.

A Fast Freight Ploughs Into the Derailed Cars and Wrecks Them-Mrs. Newman Erb of This City Has Both Legs Cut Off and Dies in a Rochester Hospital.

ROCHESTER, Sept. 25 .- A broken rail on the New York Central track near Lock Berlin, between Lyons and Clyde, caused the derailment of the three rear sleeping cars of the Western Express, due in this city at 4 A. M. The sleepers careened and fell over on the track used by eastbound freight. While the passengers in the three sleepers were hastily dressing themselves and trying to get out, a freight train crashed into the sleepers, badly wrecking them and injuring twenty-five of the occupants. Most of the injured were taken on to

Lyons, but eight of the most seriously hurt were brought to Rochester and sent to the Mrs. Newman Erb of New York, wife of Vice-President Erb of the Père Marquette Railway, died of her injuries a few hours later. Mr. Erb had one of his wrists broken and a small bone in one of his legs was broken just above the ankle

After the sleeper in which Mr. and Mrs. Erb were travelling had jumped the track they both began to dress. Mrs. Erb stepped into the lavatory and was there when the freight struck the car. Mr. Erb was thrown against the side and then received his injuries, but he smashed the window of the lavatory and dragged Mrs. Erb through the opening. It was found that both her were broken, several ribs fractured and that she had sustained internal injuries An operation was immediately necessary to save her life, and at Lyons a special train

was made up and sent ahead to Rochester with the injured woman. Mr. Erb telegraphed to relatives in New York to hurry to Rochester as fast as a special train could bring them. The special left New York at 7:33 o'clock and reached here at 1:59 this afternoon, making the run in exactly six hours and twenty-six

On the train were Mr. Dittenhofer, Mr.

Erb's son-in-law, Mrs. Dittenhofer, a nurse and Dr. Willy Meyer. Mr. Erb's family physician, Dr. Menges, was in Trumansburg and Mr. Erb telegraphed for him. The message was forwarded to Dr. Menges and he arrived earlier on a Lehigh Valley the Taggart men in Indiana is to carry the special. But the party arrived too late. At the Homeopathic Hospital shortly before noon both of Mrs. Erb's legs were amputated and she died a few minutes

The names of the injured in the hospitals here are: Miss Sarah F. Owen. 420 Woodward

avenue, Detroit, arm and back bruised. S. Stern, Kansas City, Mo., scalp wound and internally injured. Mrs. S. Stern, Kansas City, bruises on

body. William Leigh, Providence, burned by escaping steam: Mrs. William Leigh, burns on face.

J. F. Heaney, Alameda, Cal., cut and Mr. Erb left at 9:30 o'clock to-night for New York with the body of his wife.

SPECIAL BRAT EMPIRE STATE RECORD. It was 6:10 o'clock yesterday morning when the authorities at the Grand Central Depot received the following despatch from

"Prepare special for Dr. Meyer to come to scene of wreck. Spare no expense. In half an hour the train had been made up and was awaiting the arrival of the surgeon. The train consisted of three day coaches and a Pullman sleeper. The three ordinary coaches were put on to give ballast to the train. One of the best engines the railroad company had was found in the

Melrose yards and backed down to Fortysecond street. At 7:33 o'clock Dr. Meyer, accompanied by an assistant and two nurses, drove up and climbed aboard the train, which was got under way without delay. An order was sent along the route giving the special the same privileges that are extended to the Empire State Express, and that means all of the privileges of the road, as far as the right of way is concerned. In other words, everything was sidetracked for the

The train made the run to Albany in 2 hours and 37 minutes, which time beat that of the Empire State Express by 3 minutes. It took 2 hours and 27 minutes to make the run to Syracuse, thus eclipsing the record of the railroad's fastest train by 21 minutes. Dr. Meyer's special pulled into Rochester at 1:59 yesterday afternoon having beaten the record of the Empire State by 29 minutes.

JAIL BREAKER SHOT DEAD Riot Gun Used by a Sheriff in a Priso Cerridor in Atchison, Kan.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 25 .- Walter Scott. Thomas Bean, Clyde Bean and John Osborn, prisoners in the county jail here, made two attempts to escape this after-noon. Scott was killed in the second attempt.

Joseph Miller, the jailer, went into the jail room at 1 o'clock to take dinner to the prisoners. Inside the jail room there are cages, and running along the front of the cages is a barred corridor in which the prisoners exercise. The prisoners are always required to get into their cells before food is taken to them

Scott, Osborne and Clyde and Thomas Bean slipped into the cell nearest the corridor door and slamed the cell door, but silently pulled it open again, and when Jailer Miller walked into the corridor the four men attacked him and a desperate struggle followed.

They got his keys, but he kept them so busy fighting that they could not unlock the outer doors. They beat Miller on the head with an immense padlock, but failed to knock him out, and he fought them off for ten minutes with his left hand.

Two of them were holding his right hand. but he wrenched his hand loose and pulled his revolver from his pocket. Sheriff William Kiff appeared at this juncture with a riot gun loaded with buckshot. Neither Kiff nor Miller knew where the men were hiding, but suddenly the four men close together made a rush at Kiff and Miller.

Kiff called on Scott, who was in the lead, to stop. Scott did not stop and Kiff poured a full charge of buckshot into him and he fell dead. The three prisoners then gave themselves up.

NEW YORK-ST. LOUIS LIMITED-WORLD'S FAIR.

SUBWAY OPEN OCTOBER 27.

Newest Date Set for the Event-This Likely to De Final. The directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company have decided to open the

subway for passenger traffic on Oct. 27. \$50,000 to celebrate the opening of the tunnel, the committee appointed to arrange the ceremonies obtained a promise from August Belmont and Alexander E. Orr that thirty days notice should be given them before the opening day to give them time to complete their plans for the celebration. This notice will be sent to the committee to-day. So there is at last some definite indication of the probable time of opening of New York's newest railroad.

SNEEZE BETRAYED HIM. Stolen Diamond Ring Came Out With His

Handkerchief. Benjamin Hirshbeck, the Boston shoplifter who was arrested in Tiffany's on Saturday after he had stolen a \$90 diamond ring, was held by Magistrate Pool in the Jefferson Market court yesterday in \$1,000 bail for further examination. said that two years ago, while he was a patient in the Metropolitan Hospital, opium was administered to him and he became a slave to the drug. He had no distinct recollection, he said, of stealing the ring. Hirshbeck's arrest was brought about in an odd manner. He had not been detected taking the ring and was on his way out of the store with it when he sneezed.

POWER HOUSE WRECKED.

As he drew his handkerchief out the stolen

ring came with it and fell at the feet of a

salesman.

Explosion of Gasolene Cuts Off the Water Supply of Alexandria Bay. OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 25 .- The power house at Alexandria Bay, which supplies

water for the village, was wrecked by an explosion of gasolene to-day. Engineer Clarence Willis narrowly escaped death, he being in the oil room at the time of the explosion. The building was constructed of brick with a metal roof and was almost fireproof. It was built last spring at a cost of \$12,000 and was one of the most modern and best equipped plants in the State. The explosion was caused by fire or a spark from the dynamo. It was heard for miles around. Bricks and pieces of wood were blown 500 feet in all directions.

"HYENA" NORTHROP DEAD. Former Wild Animal Tamer of the Barnum

Show Dies of Brain Trouble. WATERBURY, Conn., Sept. 25 .- Harlon S. Northrop, aged 37, is dead at Bridgeport of brain trouble, due to injuries received in various ways during his life. He was the famous "Hyena" Northrop, so long with Barnum & Bailey and was for years most successful with lions. His wife is Miss

Evans Long, a circus rider. Northrop was acting as conductor on a trolley in Bridgeport two years ago when he was struck by a telegraph pole, from which injury he never recovered. Later his body was seriously charged with electricity from a live wire which he grabbed

in a street in New Jersey. AIRSHIP FOR DOWIE. Zion's Overseer Planning to Go Gallivant-

ing Around in One. CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—That John Alexander Dowie is arranging for the construction of an airship that will startle the world is the latest report from Zion City. A resident under way and that the General Overseer

place to place in the projected craft. Deacon Judd has just returned from an extended visit to the South and it is said that he has been buying land for the establishment of a second Zion City. The site of the new town, it is declared, will be announced within a few days.

HARRISON GREY FISKE ILL.

Has Been Down With Typheid for the Last Two Weeks.

Harrison Grey Fiske, manager of the Manhattan Theatre, has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for the last two weeks. Mr. Fiske was removed to a private sanitarium soon after he was taken sick. His physician, Dr. W. Allen Bartlett of 7 West Forty-ninth street, said last night that Mr. Fiske is doing well. The fact that he was sick was kept a secret until yesterday, in order that his mother, who is travelling in this country, might not learn of it. Mrs. Fiske has been playing Becky Sharp under a considerable nervous strain

NEW DEMANDS ON BELMONT. Subway Power House Firemen Think This

a Good Time to Get More Pay. A demand has been made by the Eccentric Firemen's Union on the Interborough Rapid Transit Company for an increase of twenty-five cents a day in wages for members employed in the subway power house. Their wages, the firemen say, are lower than the prevailing rate, which has increased since they were first employed.

LABOR WAR ON H. G. DAVIS.

Chicago Union Decides to Declare the Democratic National Ticket Unfair. CHICAGO, Sept. 25.-Henry Gassaway Davis, candidate for Vice-President on the Democratic ticket, has made a stir among the labor leaders by discriminating against trades unionism in Chicago. The Davis Colliery Company, of which the Senator is president, is erecting large coal sheds and receiving bins for West Virginia

coal at Fifty-ninth street and Lowe avenue. Union business agents who have endeavored to force the Davis Colliery Company to hire union men have been notified emphatically that the instructions from Mr. | the present time. It should be undertaken Davis are that no labor shall be employed in the construction work that has any affiliation whatever with the trades union movement of the country.

Because of this position against unionism the United Brotherhood of Carpenters singly or in combination, the privilege of has taken the initiative in waging war on the national Democratic ticket and will far above the level of sales made regularly proclaim it throughout the United States by them abroad with profit, thus giving as not only unfair to organized labor but as a bounty to foreigners at the expense discriminating against it.

Young Woman a Suicide

It was reported to the Coroner's office early this morning that Daisy Belsinger, 28 years old, had committed suicide by inhaling gas at her home, 319 West Ninety-

Now is the time for the World's Fair: the best time for travelling and the Show is at its best. See West Shore or New York Central ticket agents.

PARKER'S LETTER.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

when the Doard of Aldermen appropriated | Reiterates His Belief in the Gold Standard.

ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Constitutionalism vs. Imperialism a Vitai Issue.

It Involves, He Says, a Decision Whether the Law or Individual Caprice Shall Govern-Tariff Reform Never a Greater Necessity Than Now-Favors Recipraeity-Would Premise Filipines Independence the Moment They Are Capsble of It-Equal Protection of the Laws for All-Panama Canal Should Re Pressed to Completton-Accepts the Administration's Challenge and Says He Would Revoke the Pension Order and Favor a Service Pension Law-Economy and Retrenebment in Government Expenditures Demanded.

The following is Judge Parker's letter of ecceptance, which was given out for publication to-day: To the Hon. Champ Clark and others, Com-

mittee, &c: GENTLEMEN: In my response to your committee, at the formal notification proceedings, I referred to some matters not mentioned in this letter. I desire that these be considered as incorporated herein and regret that lack of space prevents specific reference to them all. I wish here, however, again to refer to my views there expressed as to the gold standard, to declare again my unqualified belief in said standard, and to express my appreciation of the action of the convention in reply to

my communication upon that subject. Grave public questions are pressing for decision. The Democratic party appeals to the people with confidence that its position on these questions will be accepted and indorsed at the polls. While the issues involved are numerous, some stand forth preeminent in the public mind. Among these are tariff reform, imperialism, economical administration and honesty in the public service. I shall briefly consider these and some others within the necessarily prescribed limits of this letter.

IMPERIALISM. While I presented my views at the notification proceedings concerning this vital issue, the overshadowing importance of this question impels me to refer to it again. The issue is oftentimes referred to as Con-

stitutionalism vs. Imperialism. If we would retain our liberties and constitutional rights unimpaired, we cannot permit or tolerate, at any time or for any purpose, the arrogation of tional powers by the executive branch of our Government. We should be ever mindof the town declares that the plans are ful of the words of Webster, "Liberty is only to be preserved by maintaining conthinks he will soon be journeying from stitutional restraints and just divisions

of political powers." Already the national Government has become centralized beyond any point contemplated or imagined by the framers of the Constitution. How tremendously all this has added to the power of the President! It has developed from year to year until it almost equals that of many monarchs. While the growth of our country and the magnitude of interstate interests may seem to furnish a plausible reason for this centralization of power, yet these same facts afford the most potent reason why the executive should not be permitted to encroach upon the other departments of the Government and assume legislative or other powers not expressly conferred by the Consti-

The magnitude of the country and its diversity of interests and population would enable a determined, ambitious and able Executive, unmindful of constitutional limitations and fired with the lust of power to go far in the usurpation of authority and the aggrandizement of personal power before the situation could be fully appre-

ciated or the people be aroused The issue of imperialism which has been thrust upon the country involves a decision whether the law of the land or the rule of individual caprice shall govern. The principle of imperialism may give rise to brilliant, startling, dashing results, but the princip of Democracy holds in check the brilliant Executive and subjects him to the sober, conservative control of the people.

The people of the United States stand at the parting of the ways. Shall we follow the footsteps of our fathers along the paths of peace, prosperity and contentment, guided by the ever-living spirit of the Con stitution which they framed for us, or shall we go along other and untried paths, hitherto shunned by all, following blindly new ideals, which, though appealing with brilliancy to the imagination and ambition, may prove a will-o'-the-wisp, leading us into difficulties from which it may be impossible to extricate ourselves without lasting injury to our national character and institutions?

THE TARIFF AND TRUSTS Tariff reform is one of the cardinal principles of the Democratic faith, and the necessity for it was never greater than at at once in the interest of all our people.

The Dingley tariff is excessive in many

of its rates, and, as to them at least, unjustly and oppressively burdens the people It secures to domestic manufacturers. exacting excessive prices at home and prices of our own people. Its unjust taxation burdens the people generally, forcing them to pay excessive prices for food, fuel, clothing and other necessaries of life. It levies duties on many articles not normally imported in any considerable amount, which are made extensively at home, for which the most extreme protectionist would hardly justify protective taxes, and which in large amounts are exported. Such duties have been and will

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